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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. PETRI].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 22, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3161. An act to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Romania.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3610. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1316) "An act to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the 'Safe Drinking Water Act'), and for other purposes," agrees to a conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. REID, and Mr. LAUTENBERG, to be conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 919. An act to modify and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3610) "An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. HARKIN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

MORNING BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of May 12, 1995, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member except the majority and minority leaders limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GEKAS] for 5 minutes.

TRAGEDY IN THE SKIES

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, everyone by now knows about the impact of the recent aircraft tragedy on a small community in Pennsylvania, Montoursville. This area is represented currently by our colleague, the gen-

tleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MCDADE], who very promptly and appropriately expressed his concern to the families of the high school students who were involved in that horrible incident.

This community, Montoursville, is in Wyoming County. Prior to the current configuration of our legislative districts, I had the privilege of representing that area. I must tell my colleagues that this is an all-American community, which the news media has very accurately portrayed in all its coverages following that tragic air crash.

This little community has spawned many, many different types of sports championships and academic championships. It seemed almost every other week I was attending a banquet for the girls' softball champions or the boys' baseball champions or the little league champions, not to mention high academic honors for individuals and classes, et cetera, that emerged from that high school. So I wanted to point that out to my colleagues that, indeed, for a change, the media's portrayal of that community was absolutely accurate as being one made up of neighbors and friends, all of whom knew each other, and in one way or another, always participated in community endeavors, and now they join hands to extend their persona, each and every one to the other, in that lovely little community.

I did direct the communication to the mayor and to others in that area, and I simply wanted to enter my feelings into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

NO MORE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS

On another matter, everyone knows by now that the Government shut down several times, not just this past cycle, not just this term of Congress, but in previous occasions, actually shut down. As a matter of fact, there was a time when during Desert Storm or Desert Shield, I guess the formation of our

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